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6. (Amended) A [hard disc drive] magnetic recording device, comprising a magnetic recording medium comprising [which includes] a magnetizable layer[, wherein said magnetizable layer comprises] comprising a plurality of substantially uniformly spaced apart ferromagnetic particles[, each having a largest dimension no greater than 100nm, and each of which particles represents a separate ferromagnetic domain, and wherein, in the process for making the magnetic recording medium the ferromagnetic particles are encased, or partially encased within an organic molecule] and a coating surrounding each of said particles.

7. (Amended) [A hard disc drive] The device according to claim 6, wherein the distance between adjacent ferromagnetic particles [domains] is at least about 2nm.

8. (Amended) [A hard disc drive] The device according to claim 6 [or 7], wherein the distance between adjacent ferromagnetic particles [domains] is no greater than about 10nm.

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Please add the following claims 11-24:

Rule 12b

11. ³³ A data storage medium comprising a magnetizable layer, wherein said magnetizable layer comprises a plurality of ferromagnetic particles each having a largest dimension no greater than about 100nm, and wherein said ferromagnetic particles are at least partially encased within an organic molecule.

12. ³⁴ The medium according to claim ³³ ~~11~~, wherein each of the ferromagnetic particles represents a separate ferromagnetic domain.

13. ³⁵ The medium according to claim ³⁴ ~~12~~, wherein the distance between adjacent ferromagnetic domains is at least about 2nm.

14. ³⁶ The medium according to claim ³⁴ ~~12~~, wherein the distance between adjacent ferromagnetic domains is no greater than about 10nm.

15. ³⁷ A magnetic recording device, comprising a magnetic recording medium comprising a magnetizable layer comprising a plurality of substantially uniformly spaced apart ferromagnetic particles and a coating surrounding each of said particles.

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16. The device according to claim *15*, wherein said coating is selected from the group consisting of micelles and surfactants.

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-17. A magnetic recording device, comprising a magnetic recording medium comprising a magnetizable layer, wherein said magnetizable layer comprises a plurality of ferromagnetic particles each having a largest dimension no greater than about 100nm, and wherein the ferromagnetic particles are at least partially encased within an organic molecule.

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18. The device according to claim *17*, wherein each of the ferromagnetic particles represents a separate ferromagnetic domain.

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19. The device according to claim *18*, wherein the distance between adjacent ferromagnetic domains is at least about 2nm.

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20. The device according to claim *18*, wherein the distance between adjacent ferromagnetic domains is no greater than about 10nm.

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21. A method for creating a magnetizable layer comprising the steps of:
creating a plurality of substantially uniformly spaced apart ferromagnetic particles, and
depositing said plurality of ferromagnetic particles on a surface.

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22. A method for creating a magnetizable layer comprising the steps of:
creating a plurality of ferromagnetic particles within a respective plurality of organic macromolecules, each ferromagnetic particle having a largest dimension no greater than 100nm, and
depositing said plurality of ferromagnetic particles on a surface.

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23. A magnetic composition comprising a plurality of substantially uniformly spaced apart ferromagnetic particles.

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24. A magnetic composition comprising a plurality of ferromagnetic particles each having a largest dimension no greater than about 100nm, wherein each of said particles is partially encased within an organic macromolecule.--